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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL VISITORS PROGRAM: VISIT TO US BY
BURMESE NARCOTICS OFFICIALS

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1. APPRECIATE FAVORABLE RESPONSE TO REF. B. STRONGLY RECOMMEND, HOWEVER, THAT VISITS AT THIS END NOT BE HANDLED AS IV GRANTS. LOCAL PROCEDURES FOR IV GRANTS AS ESTABLISHED BY GUB ARE EXTREMELY CUMBERSOME, INVOLVING NOTE TO FOREIGN MINISTRY AND CABINET APPROVAL, AND ARE USUALLY SUBJECT TO LONG DELAYS AND OTHER UNCERTAINTIES. IN OUR EXPERIENCE WITH NARCOTICS MATTERS IT IS MUCH MORE EFFECTIVE TO DEAL DIRECTLY WITH THE OFFICIALS CONCERNED RATHER THAN THROUGH THE FOREIGN MINISTRY. THE DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL THE PROBLEMS WE ENCOUNTERED IN OFFERING DR. SENAY AS A DEPARTMENT GRANTEE, AN OFFER WHICH WAS EVENTUALLY TURNED DOWN AFTER A LONG DELAY. IN ALL LIKELIHOOD IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO MEET JUNE 26 DEADLINE IF IV GRANT PROCEDURE IS REQUIRED.

2. ASSISTANCE BY ICA PROGRAMMING EXPERT UNDOUBTEDLY WILL ENHANCE VISIT IN THE US AND WE HOPE VERY MUCH THAT IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO RETAIN ICA SERVICES EVEN THOUGH VISIT IS NOT HANDLED AS AN IV GRANT. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION SOONEST TO MAKE FORMAL OFFER TO GUB.

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